



Stark, NH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, Friday,
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County

Coös

Labor Market Area

Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region

Great North Woods

Planning Commission

North Country Council

Regional Development

Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 1

State Representative

Coös County Districts 2, 7

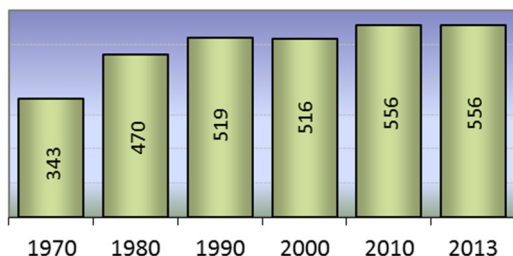
Incorporated: 1795

Origin: This town was chartered in 1774 as Percy, the family name of the Duke of Northumberland. At the time of the charter, a member of that family, Thomas Percy, was the king's chaplain. The town was incorporated as Piercy in 1795. In 1832 the name was changed to Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark, who was the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle. He wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. Stark is the location of the Stark Bridge, one of New Hampshire's scenic covered bridges, built in 1862.

Villages and Place Names: Crystal, Percy

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 48 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Stark totaled 229 over 53 years, from 327 in 1960 to 556 in 2013. The



largest decennial percent change was an increase of 37 percent between 1970 and 1980; an increase of 10 percent occurred between 1980 and 1990. The 2013 Census estimate for Stark was 556 residents, which ranked 213th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 9.4 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 59.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$519,301	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	\$972,527	
Zoning Ordinance	No Board	
Master Plan	Update in Progress	
Capital Improvement Plan	No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board	

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Library

Public Library **Stark Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Part-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Milan & Dummer - Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	19 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	No		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	No	

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.48	
2013 Equalization Ratio	123.1	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.50	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	76.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	20.5%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)
Total Housing Units	432	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	349	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	3	
Five or More Units in Structure	8	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	72	

DEMOGRAPHICS			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2013	556	32,141	
2010	556	33,055	
2000	516	33,156	
1990	519	34,879	
1980	470	35,014	
1970	343	34,189	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013

Population by Gender			
Male	317	Female	239

Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		44
Age 5 to 19		112
Age 20 to 34		53
Age 35 to 54		164
Age 55 to 64		94
Age 65 and over		89
Median Age		47.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	91.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)
Per capita income		\$22,312
Median family income		\$50,000
Median household income		\$40,568
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$39,779
Female		\$23,750
Individuals below the poverty level		11.0%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2003	2013	
Civilian labor force	228	246	
Employed	214	222	
Unemployed	14	24	
Unemployment rate	6.1%	9.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	7	12	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 91	\$ 111	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stark operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh Gallen Regional Career & Technical Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High - CTE, Whitefield** Region: **3**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	29			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Stark	Municipal services	36	
Barrett Salt	Rock salt	3	1991

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **110**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 41**
 Distance **35 miles**

Railroad **St. Lawrence & Atlantic**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Berlin Municipal Runway **5,200 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Lebanon Municipal Distance **104 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **135 miles**
 Portland, Maine **115 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **188 miles**
 New York City, NY **367 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **161 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **76.4%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **5.5%**
 Public transportation **1.6%**
 Walked **6.6%**
 Other means **2.5%**
 Worked at home **7.4%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **19.5 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence **52.0**
 Commuting to another NH community **32.3**
 Commuting out-of-state **15.7**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
X Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
X Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Balsams Wilderness**

Other: **Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; John Stark Statue; Heritage Center**